

Minutes  
Of The  
**THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION**  
Of The  
**Tombigbee Baptist Association**

Held With  
**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
October 14, 15, 16, 17, 1916

The next session will convene with Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, near Fulton, Miss., on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in Oct. 1917

Introductory Preacher, Rev. T. J. Roberson; Rev. A. M. Nix, Alt. Missionary Preacher, Rev. J. F. Benson, Rev. R. L. Page, Jr. Alt.

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## Order of Business.

The following Order of Business was copied from the Minute of the First Annual Session of the Tombigbee Baptist Association.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Appoint Reading Clarks.
3. Read letters from the Churches.
4. Call the Roll.
5. Elect officers for the ensuing year.
6. Call for petitionary letters.
7. Call for correspondence by letter or messengers.
8. Appoint regular committees.
9. Arrange correspondence.
10. Report of regular and special committee.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Appoint place for next meeting and elect a brother to preach the Introductory Sermon.
13. Read and correct Minute.
14. Adjourn.

## List of Ordained Ministers

Anderson, A. L.,	R. 1. Red Bay, Ala.
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Clark C. C.	Smithville, Miss.
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Harrison, J. M.	Dennis Miss.
Hamilton, W. H.	Mingo, Miss.
Hardy, F. L.	Paden, Miss.
Jarrel, W. W.	R. 2, Fulton, Miss.
Killingsworth J. M.	Vina, Ala.
Nix, A. M. Union College	Jackson, Tenn
Page, W. D.	R. 1. Tishomingo, Miss.
Page, R. L. Jr.	Belmont, Miss.
Puritt, S. M.	Red Bay, Ala.
Robinson, J. T.	R. 2. Fulton, Miss.
Senter, G. A.	" " " "
Underwood, F. D.	R. 1. Eastman, Miss.
Wallace, Asa	R. 2 Fulton, Miss.
Wright, J. M.	New Site, Miss.
Wilson, Kirksey	R. 1. Rara Avis, Miss.
Young, E. M.	R. 2. Bexar, Ala.



## Proceedings

The Tombigbee Baptist Association met in its thirty--third annual session with the Highland Baptist Church near Tishomingo, Miss., at 10 A. M. with Moderator S. Mayhall in the chair. Rev. J. A. Conwill, the introductory preacher, being present, responded to the call of the Committee and delivered a splendid introductory sermon, using the Fifth Chapter of Luke as a reading lesson, and the thirty--second verse as a text. The theme of the sermon was, "The Mission of Christ." Rev. C. C. Clark directed prayer after the reading of the lesson, and made some supplementary remarks at the close of the hours service. The noon hour having arrived adjournment was taken until 1.30 P. M.

After partaking of the refreshments served the messengers and visitors assembled and engaged in a splendid song service. The Moderator read an evening lesson and Rev. A. M. Nix directed prayer. The Moderator then declared that the Association was ready to proceed with the transaction of its business.

The Clerk being absent, Wm. M. Pugh was elected Clerk pro tem. The Moderator appointed A. G. W. Byram and L. A. Bookout to serve as reading clerks. The Moderator appointed S. M. Weatherford, U. G. Summerford and L. A. Bookout to serve as a committee on finance.

The Moderator then called for letters from the churches composing the Association. The clerks read letters from the following churches and their messengers names were enrolled respectively,

UNION—B. H. Fredrick, E. L. Cain, W. P. Taylor, and L. A. Cain.

UNION GROVE—W. P. Farrar, R. B. K. McFadden and Mrs. S. C. Farrar, Mrs. Corvella McFadden.

HOPEWELL—L. L. McKinney, J. A. Conwill, G. A. Crissom, Hector Underwood and Adley Bullen.

PROSPECT—Chas. Huffman, W. J. Champion and I. B. Hamilton.

GOLDEN—J. T. Osborne, M. Smith, A. Pounders and W. J. Winset.

BETHANY—W. T. Lesenberry, J. T. Pitts, W. A. Thorn and J. B. Burns.

LIBERTY GROVE—W. J. Prestridge, E. M. Young, U. G. Summerford and John Cummings.

MT. MORIAH—C. C. Clark, D. D. Gilmore and L. R. Stevens.

JACKSON'S CAMP—M. G. Carter, F. L. Hardy, J. D. Long and T. L. Menat.

SANDY SPRINGS—J. H. Oswalt, S. W. Butler, W. M. Spencer Jerdy Franks and S. M. Weatherford.



BETHLEHEM—W. P. Gray, J. C. Montgomery, W. H. Page and Florence Page.

RED BUD—M. B. Waddle, Mrs. Mary Waddle, James Moore and D. V. Sparks.

HIGHLAND—J. R. Bickerstaff, F. M. Blunt, J. M. F. Neal and C. C. Hellums.

SALEM—W. O. Waddle, J. C. Winningham, J. R. Thomas, and H. S. Williams.

SHILOH—Dean Debow, T. D. Cleveland, W. M. Pugh and Horace Lynn.

PLEASANT GROVE—L. M. Kennedy, Icie Evans, Paret Evans and Lee Stegall.

MT. PLEASANT—J. T. Robinson, A. Jackson, T. J. Wilemon, and J. T. Dulaney.

BELMONT—R. S. Mayhall, W. O. Stockton, A. Yarber and I. Harris.

ANTIOCH—W. A. Butler, T. L. Butler, I. S. Mayhall, J. T. Hall and Mrs. Emeline Hall.

MT. PISGAH—J. L. Bookout, L. A. Bookout, E. L. Lunceford, and J. Y. Bowen.

PROVIDENCE—Jeff Wright, James Nix, Sibern Jones, and W. Hopkins.

ZION—Hugh Conwill, Joseph Barton, Salone Grissom and Enos Singleton.

FAIRVIEW—J. G. Wood, C. L. Graham, Seated as delegates without any letter.

The messengers from Bethany being absent a move and second was made to seat two visiting brethren. This was not in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution; after discussions both pro and con a vote was taken and the visiting brethren were not seated.

The next business taken up was that of permanent organization by electing new officers for the ensuing year.

A move and second was made to retain the present Moderator and the Clerk pro tem. They were retained by a unanimous vote, after a strong protest from the Moderator, against his retention.

The Moderator then called for correspondence or messengers from other Associations. Rev. C. S. Wales was seated as a delegate from the Tishomingo Baptist Association, Rev. Carr seated as a messenger from the Bear Creek Baptist Association. A move and second was made, which carried, to seat all visiting brethren who agree with us in our work. Rev. Sidney Chastin seated as a delegate from, or representative of, The National Baptist Convention of Mexico. Rev. C. S. Wales informed the Association that the Tishomingo Baptist Association had appointed a committee to make a full and complete investigation and find out how, and under what terms that a "Mountain School" could be secured and maintained in



this section of our country. He further recommended that this Association appoint a similar committee to co-operate with the Tishomingo Association in making the above mentioed investigation. He pointed out the many advantages of a school of this kind being located within our bounds, and being under our denominational influence, and being largely supported by the Southern Baptist Convention, as well as being under their supervision and direction. A move and secoed was made, which carried, to appoint a committee to co-operate with the above mentioned committee in making the above mentioned investigation. The Moderator appointed L. A. Bookout, Wm. M. Pugh, C. L. Graham Prof. Strickland, and the body ask the Moderator to serve with the above named as numbers of the above mentioned committee. The body requested the Moderator and the Clerk to prepare the Committee assignments, as usual, and to make known the same on Sunday Morning

The Moderator appointed L. A. Bookout, Joe Kennedy and F. M. Blunt to serve with the Deacons of the Highland Baptist Church as members of the Devotional Committe.

The Moderator then called for petitionary lettlers. A petitionary letter was received from Old Providence Baptist Church, which had formerly been a part of the Beacreek Baptist Association, asking to be recieved into, and made a part of this Association. By the vote of the Association Old Providence was incorporated into the Association and the Moderator received the following messengers, whose names were enrolled by the clerk: O. O. Ferrel, Ruth Underwood, J. F. Underwood, Vernie Berryman.

The Devotional Committee arranged for Rev. A. M. Nix to preach at 7 P. M. Saturday, with Rev. J. W. Davis, Alternate. The messengers from the various churches were assigned to homes in the community, and the Association adjourned its business session until 9. A. M. Monday.

### **Saturday Night.**

A large crowd assembled for the service Saturday night. Rev. A. M. Nix delivered a splendid sermon; using the 24th Chapter of Matthew as a reading lesson. The theme: "The second coming of Christ"

### **Sunday Service.**

A vast throng of people assembled for the Sunday service. The Highland Choir rendered some splendid music, after which the Rev. J. F. Benson, the Missionary Preacher, delivered a very strong and forcible sermon on

"Missions" using as a reading lesson the first Chapter of Acts. Rev. Sidney Chastin directed a prayer after the reading of the lesson. Luke 16: 15 was used as a text. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. At the close of the sermon an Associational fund of \$20.75 was collected.

The Devotional Committee arranged for Rev. C. C. Clark to preach at 7. P. M. with Rev. C. C. Perry as Alternate.

### Sunday Night.

The audience assembled and engaged in song service. The hour for preaching having arrived Rev. C. C. Clark read the evening lesson and Dr. Senter directed a prayer, after which a splendid sermon was delivered, with some good supplementary remarks by Rev. C. C. Perry.

The following Committee assignments were made and the Clerk handed the Chairman of each committee a list of the members respectively:

- Committee on Sunday Schools—R. L. Page, Jr., U. G. Summerford and T. D. Cleveland.
- Committee on Destitutions—J. G. Wood, Jeff Wright and L. L. McKenny.
- Committee on Missions—C. C. Clark W. J. Prestridge, and Dean Debow.
- Committee on Ministerial Support—A. Jackson, J. M. Kennedy and J. A. Conwill.
- Committee on Baptist Literature—A. M. Nix, M. B. Waddle, and J. L. Bookout.
- Committee on Church Discipline—J. A. Conwill C. D. McRae, and J. R. Bickerstaff.
- Committee on Education—A. M. Nix, F. M. Flunt, and C. L. Graham.
- Committee on Temperance—J. R. Bickerstaff, J. M. F. Neal and L. A. Bookout.
- Committee on Nominations—J. M. F. Neal, L. A. Bookout, and J. R. Bickerstaff.
- Committee on Sacred Music—J. M. F. Neal, J. R. Bickerstaff and J. T. Dulaney.
- Committee on Baptist Orphanage—W. H. Hamilton, J. M. Harrison, and S. M. Weatherford.
- Committee on Obituaries—Hugh Conwill, T. M. Smith and J. C. Winningham.

Pursuant to adjournment the Association met Monday morning at 9 o'clock and listened to the reading of the morning lesson by Rev. J. F. Benson. The 1st Chapter of Paul's writings to the Romans was read for the lesson, after which Rev. C. C. Clark directed a prayer.

Moderator S. Mayhall being absent on account of threatened illness, and having been elected under protest he having asked to be excused, the body decided that it would only be fair to him, to rescind the act of his election,

whereupon Oscar Stockton was elected permanent Moderator. The Moderator called for detained letters. Letters from the following churches were read and their messengers names enrolled:

New Bethel—Bob. Samples, J. M. Scott, S. M. Puritt and W. H. Hamilton.  
Fair View—J. G. Wood, C. L. Graham, W. H. Barkley and Lee Graham.  
Fulton—Dr. R. L. Senter, A. D. Graham and M. C. Benson  
Mt. Zion—D. D. Dulaney, J. W. Powell, G. A. Senter and F. M. Carpenter.

The Moderator then called for delayed correspondence or messengers from other Associations. Rev. C. C. Perry was seated as a visiting minister. The Moderator called for committee reports. The following reports were submitted:

### **Sunday School,**

We, your Sunday School Committee submit this our report: We very much endorse Sunday Schools. 1st—Because the Sunday School is a great institution, and that more children are brought to know Christ through the Sunday School than any other institution except the Church. The Bible teaches us to raise our children up in the nurture and admonition of our Lord; that we should train them up in the way that we would have them go that they may not depart therefrom—the Sunday School is the place to do this work. Also we recommend that parents go with their children to Sunday School that we may study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. We recommend the literature published by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. L. Page, Jr. Chairman.

The report was adopted after discussion by the Chairman, W. H. Hamilton, J. F. Benson, Bro. Scott, the Moderator, W. D. Page, Dr. R. L. Senter, C. S. Wales, J. R. Bickerstaff, A. G. W. Byram, Wm. Lindley.

### **Destitutions.**

We, your Committee on Destitutions submit this our reports; We find the following places destitute of a minister and in need of assistance; Turon in the Forth District, and Liberty, Mt. Gillard, Rhogers Temple, Evening Shade, and Pleasant Ridge in the First District of Itawamba County, and Forest Grove in Tishomingo County.

Therefore we ask that these places be supplied at least ten days each with some of our best ministers.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. G. Wood, Chairman



The report was discussed by Rev. J. F. Benson, W. D. Page. Adjournment was taken until 1.30 P. M. preaching service and refreshments. Rev. W. H. Hamilton introduced the service by reading the 16 Chap. Mark, after which Rev. C. S. Wales directed a prayer. Bro. Hamilton delivered a good sermon using Luke 2 as a text.

After partaking of refreshments the body resumed business session. Mrs. Copeland made an interesting talk on the work and purpose of the Women's Missionary Union. The body then resumed discussion on the report of the Destitution committee. W. H. Hamilton, W. Lindley and others spoke on the subject. The report was amended, and the Association recommended that the churches, through their deacons, co-operate with the Executive Boards and see that the destitute places are supplied.

The Devotional Committee arranged for Rev. Wm. Lindley and Rev. W. J. Clingan to preach at Highland at P. M. Monday, and Rev. C. C. Clark and Rev. A. M. Nix to preach at Tishomoingo, the church there having requested the Association to assign preachers for that date. The Committee further recommended that Rev. C. S. Wales preach the closing sermon at Highland at 11 A. M. Tuesday, assisted by Rev. J. F. Benson.

### Missions.

We your Committee on Missions beg leave to report as follows: First, we believe that it is our duty to preach and send the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost world, as God has directed in his word. Second we believe that the Gospel should be preached and sent by baptist, as they alone contend for the whole truth as it is taught in God's word. Third, we believe that God sent his only begotten Son, Christ Jesus, into the world to seek and to save those which were lost, and gave the Gospel as the expression of God's power in saving the lost world. In order to do this work more effeciently we should co-operate with the organized forces in this field, and; Be it resolved that the Tombigbee Baptist Association do co-operate with our State boards.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. C. Clark, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Missions was discussed by the Chairman, Wm. Lindley, Dr. Senter, J. R. Bickelstaff, R. L. Page, C. C. Perry. Reports adopted, with an amendment to allow individual pledges, or delegates to



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pledge their churches for Foreign missions for the ensuing year. The following churches pledged the sums set next to their names for Foreign missions:

Mt. Moriah .....	\$2.50	Pleasant Grove .....	2 00	
Fairview .....	1 25	Shiloah .....	2 00	
Pleasant Grove .....	2 00	Total	\$5.25	
Liberty Grove .....	5.00	INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES		
Shiloah .....	3.00			
Fulton .....	5.00			
Mt. Pleasant .....	4 00			
Salem .....	3.00			
Union .....	2 50			
Red Bud .....	1.00			
Bethel .....	2 00			
Prospect .....	1 00			
Belmont .....	5.00			
Golden .....	2.00			
Jackson's Camp .....	2 00			
Old Providence .....	3 00			
Total	\$44.25			
Joe Kennedy ... Paid				\$1.00
Hugh Conwill ..				" 1.00
J. W. Powell ....		" 1.00		
J. V. Nix .....		" 1.00		
Wm. Lindley ...		" 1.00		
G. J. Senter . not paid		1.00		
D. Underwood " "		1.00		
J. T. Montgomery "		.50		
Total		\$7.50		
Grand Total		\$51.75		
Cash Received		5 00		

The business session of the Association adjourned to meet at 8. 30 P. M. Tuesday.

## Monday Night.

Rev. Wm. Lindley introduced the service by reading the second Chapter of Daniel for the evening lesson. Daniel 7: 15 was used as a text, from which a very interesting sermon was delivered.

## Tuesday Morning.

Rev. R. L. Page read the opening lesson using the 12th Chapter of Romans, after which Rev. Wm. Lindley directed a prayer. The Moderator being absent R. L. Page served as Moderator pro tem. The body resumed work on committee reports.

## Ministerial Support.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Support report as follows: We believe that the Ministers are not supported as they should be. We also believe that if our churches would look more closely after this matter, they would not only be more prosperous spiritually, but that the earth would yield her increase and bless us in temporal things.

For the Lord has said by the prophet, "bring all the tithes into my house, and prove me herewith, and see if I will not put my hand out a blessing." The Lord has made it the duty of each one to contribute to the support of his calling.

We recommend that each one lay by him in store as the Lord has prospered, and directed, that they may contribute at regular intervals, as necessity and God's system demands.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Jackson, Chairman

The report was adopted by the body, after discussion by Rev. Wm Lindley.

### **Baptist Literature.**

We, your Committee on Baptist Literature report as follows: We recommend the reading of the Bible and sound Baptist literature. We recommend Southers Baptist literature for Sunday Schools, same being published at Nashville, Tenn. We recommend that all Baptist read the Baptist Record published at Jackson, Miss., and the Baptist Builder published at Martain, Tenn.

Respectfully, Submitted,

A. M. Nix, Chairman.

The report was adopted, after discussion by J. A. Conwill.

### **Church Discipline.**

We your Committee on Church Discipline submit the following report: We believe the Bible a sufficient guide in Church Discipline, and that no institution can succeed without discipline. We recommend that the churches of this Association be more strict in their discipline. "In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works; in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you. Titus 2: 7-8.

Respectfully Submitted

J. A. Conwill, Chairman

The report was adopted

### **Education.**

We, your Committee on Education report as follows: We believe that the welfare and progress of the Baptist as a denomination depends upon the education of our people, and especially our preachers. We recommend that this body look more after the education of our young min-

isters. We recommend that Baptist send their boys to Cliton and their girls to Blue Mountain. We hope and pray that the day will soon dawn when our people will awake to the importance and the necessity of a better education.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. M. Nix, Chairman.

Report discussed by A. M. Nix, Wm. Lindley, J. F. Benson.

The report was adopted after being amended so as to recommend that the pastors of the various churches take up the matter with their respective churches, of raising funds to aid Rev. A. M. Nix to attend school.

### Temperance.

We, your Committee on Temperance Submit the following: While temperance applies to all things, the object of this report will be to apply it to the use of strong drink, only. We realize that the hope of our country is dependent upon this one thing: to stamp this curse from the face of the earth. While we realize that it takes time and perseverance to accomplish this great purpose. We realize that now is opportune time to act; because God has put it into the hearts of His people to legislate against it, and at the same time the combined forces of the evil one has been pitted against this legislation. It is up to us as the Children of God to raise our voice to the people and our prayers to almighty God to aid us to go to the polls on the 7th of Nov. and vote to maintain the act of the last legislature until we can accomplish something better.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. R. Bickerstaff, Chairman.

The report was adopted after discussion by J. R. Bickerstaff J. F. Benson, C. L. Graham, C. C. Clark and Wm. Lindley.

### Temperance Resolution.

The Clerk offered the following resolution which was read and adopted:

Realizing that the use of intoxicants demoralizes both men and nations, and that the best "preparedness measure" that our country could inaugurate would be one to develop its citizens morally, mentally, and physically; and that to be able to do this we must continually and persistently fight the liquor traffic, which is the greatest foe of the church as well as the human race, with every weapon at our command; Therefore be it resolved that this body petition Congress to close the U. S. Mails to those who would use them to solicit whiskey orders.



**Nominations.**

We, your Committee on Nominations report as follows: We find that Mt. Zion, Bethany and Mt. Pleasant are asking for the next meeting of the Association. Rev. Roberson Introductory Preacher, Rev. A. M. Nix, Alternate Rev. J. F. Benson, Missionary Preacher, II. Sunday, Rev. R. L. Page, Jr. Alternate.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. M. F. Neal, Chairman

The report was discussed by J. W. Powell, J. T. Dula, C. C. Clark, D. Underwood. Mt. Pleasant was selected the place for the next meeting of the Association. Resolved adopted.

**Sacred Music.**

We, your Committee on Sacred Music make the following report: Sacred Music is made by the Saints of almighty God. Its mission is to stimulate the weak, make men the sad, and to win souls to Christ. There is wonder and power in music. It causes men to turn to God, accept the Gospel and be saved with an everlasting Salvation. We recommend that each Church in this Association adopt "Songs Of Canaan" published by the R. L. Page Music Company Belmont, Miss., as the book to use in their church the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

The report was adopted. J. M. F. Neal, Chairman.

**Baptist Orphanage.**

We, your Committee on Baptist Orphanage submit the following report: We find that there is no cause nearer the heart of our Lord, or work more acceptable to Him than caring for the helpless orphan child. By many words and deeds did He manifest His interest in the children.

We gave it as an evidence of pure and undefiled religion to care for the widow and the orphans in their affliction. There are many ways by which we as christian people can carry out the will of the Master in this regard.

The plan of work formerly decided upon was the establishment of a home for orphan children. This home has now been in operation for nineteen years. From a small beginning in a rented home, we have grown until now we have house room for 225 children, with property in houses and lands of more than \$100,000.00. We have cared for about 800 children, in the nineteen years, many of whom have gone out from the home and are filling useful positions in the world.



Our home is supported entirely by voluntary contribution. We have no endowment except the love and loyalty of our people. The children in our orphanage are under the influence of christian people, and are being trained in morals and religion, and are sent to school eight months out of each year. The children are being trained to do all manner of work, and they are contributing largely to their own support. The expense of caring for each child including matron's hire and schooling is only about five or six dollars per month.

We feel that this is a laudable and worthy work for christian people, and we urge our Churches and Sunday Schools to contribute liberally to our orphanage.

Respectfully Submitted,

Report adopted.

W. H. Hamilton, Chairman,

### Obituaries.

We, your Committee on Obituaries submit the following report: We find the following deaths reported in the letters from the various churches: Antioch—Mrs Sarah Butler. Providence—Virdo Weeks and John Hargett. Liberty Grove—John Summerford. Pleasant Grove—Mrs. Mary Mottox. Mt. Pleasant—Mrs. Jane Kimbrough. New Bethel—A. Holcomb and Mrs. Aner Camphill. Sandy Springs—Isom Gann and I. J. Taylor. Bathany—Mrs. Sarah Underwood, Nathaniel Hale. Jackson's Camp—J. E. Eaton. Fairview—Wesley Graham.

We find that our loss by death last year was twelve; this year fourteen. But let us not weep for those that have no hope. Rather let us who yet remain be submissive to our Lord and be prepared to meet those who have long since departed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Report adopted.

Hugh Conwill, Chairman.

### Finance.

We, your Committee on Finance report the following funds received:

Minute Funds	.... \$26.27	Home Missions	... \$ .85
Orphans Home	... 18 82	State Missions	..... 5.00
Foreign Missions	.. 5 85	Collection Sunday	.. 20.75
Associational Missions	2.25	Total	..... \$79.79

Respectfully Submitted

S. M. Weatherford, Chairman.

Report adopted, and motion made, which carried, to allow the Clerk all the minute fund above the cost of printing and mailing minutes, for his service.

A motion was made, which carried, to authorize the Clerk to call upon the former clerk for a report showing the financial condition of the Association.

### **Resolution.**

The following resolution was before the body and adopted:

Resolved that this Association recommend Rev. C. C. Clark as a mission worker in the Fourth District of Itawamba County, at Turon and Mt. Moriah; same being inside the bounds of this association.

### **Resolution of Thanks.**

The following resolution was submitted by A. D. Graham, and adopted by the body:

Resolved, That this Association sincerely thank the people of Highland Church for the entertainment, the hearty welcome and the splendid manner they have cared for the delegates and visitors during this Association.

May the Lord bless us all in our great work for the Kingdom.

The Moderator pro tem appointed Rev. J. A. Conwill and Joe Kennedy to attend the State Convention which meets at Columbus, Miss., in November.

The Executive Boards of the respective Districts were retained.

### **Executive Committee Report.**

We, your executive Board of the First District report as follows: On account of the absence of the former Clerk we are unprepared to report the funds at our disposal, if any.

#### **Expenpiture:**

J. F. Benson, for work at Mt. Moriah, .....	\$4.50
C. C. Clark, for work at Mt. Moriah, .....	7.50
J. A. Conwill, for work at Zion .....	7.50
Total .....	\$19.50

### **Executive Board.**

The Association, having finished its labors for this session, adjourned to meet on Saturday before the Third Sunday in October 1917, with the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church near Fulton, Itawamba County, Miss.

Oscar Stockton, Moderator

Wm. M. Pugh, Clerk and Treasure.

No report was recieved from the Executive Board of the Second District.

The Devotional Committee having arranged for Rev. C. S. Wales to preach at 11 A. M. Tuesday, he introduced the service by reading a lesson from 2nd. John. The theme of his discourse was, "The Bible, its message and purpose." Bro. Wales delivered a very strong and touching sermon, which will long be remembered by those who heard it.

Clerk and Treasurers Report for 1915.

### Receipts.

Minute Funds .....	\$29.95	Foreign Missions ...	\$ 4.50
Orphans Home ....	20.25	State " ...	3.00
Foreign Missions ....	4.50	Home " ...	2.00
Asso'l Mis. 1st Dist. 19.22		Orphans Home ....	20.00
Asso'l Mis. 2nd Dist. 7.11		Printing Minutes ..	15.00
State Missional ....	3.00	Clerks, Fee .....	16.00
Home Mission .....	2.00	Postage .....	4.93
Total Receipts ....	\$86.07	A. G. W. Byram As. M. 2st D. 5.00	
Bal to Cr. Ex Com. 1st Dis. \$9.85		To Ex. Committee 1st Dist. 25.25	
Total to be accounted for \$95.92		Total Disbursements \$95.92	

Balance due the Association ..... Nothing

Respectfully Submitted,

S. T. Graham, Clerk and Treasurer.



a—not Represented

Church Diectory Tombigbee Baptist Association

CHURCHES

First District

Bethany  
Hopewell  
Mt. Moriah  
Mt. Pisgah  
Union Grove  
Providence  
Fairview  
Sandy Springs  
Pleasant Grove  
a—New Home  
Liberty Grove  
Shi'oh  
Mt. Zion  
Fulton  
a—Pleasant Ridge  
Zion  
Mt. Pleasant

Second District

Antioch  
Salem  
Union  
Red Bud  
Bethel  
Prospect  
Bethlehem  
Belmont  
Golden  
Jackson's Camp  
Highland  
Mt. Pleasant  
Old Providence

PASTORS

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J. F. Benson  
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J. A. Conwill  
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J. A. Conwill  
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Tom Miller  
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J. M. Harrison  
W. H. Hamilton  
G. W. Guntharp  
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J. M. Harrison  
Willbanks  
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Wm. Lindley

Church Clerk and P. O.

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A. D. Graham, Fulton, Miss.  
Ira Grissom, Red Bay, Ala.  
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Mrs. M. I. W.



# Tatistical Table of the Tombigbee Baptist Association

CHURCHES	Rec. by Baptism	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Died	Dis'd by letter	Excluded	Membership	Minute Fund	Orphans' Home	Foreign Mission	Asso'n Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Pastor's Salary
a—not Represented														
*—Rep'd by letter only														
First District														
* Bethany	2		1	2			97	\$1.40	\$ .80	\$	\$			\$ 34.95
Hopewell	6				3	2	59	1.00						
Mt. Moriah		1					19	.50						20.00
Mt. Pisgah	3	1					49	.65				75		44.00
Union Grove	1					1	58	.60						75.00
Providence		2		2		1	77	1.92	.65	.25			25	48.52
Fairview	28			1			109	1.00						18.50
Sandy Springs	28	1		2			123	1.35						40.00
Pleasant Grove	2			1	1		35	.50	.70					23.00
a New Home														
Liberty Grove	11			1	3		95	1.50			1.25			
Shiloh	3	4			6	3	76	1.00	3.60	.85	1.00			43.04
Mt. Zion	2	1			1		68	.75						35.00
Fulton							18	1.00						50.00
a Pleasant Ridge														
Zion	1	5				1	40	.75	.20			10		7.25
a Mt. Pleasant	9			1			33	1.30						
Total.....	96	15	1	10	14	8	956	15.52	\$5.95	\$1.10	\$2.25	85	25	\$439.26
Second District														
Antioch	12	2		1	2		75	.90						19.50
Salem	3	2			1		148	.75						40.75
Un on		2	1		2		92	1.00	1.20					1.00
Red Bud	6	5		1	2	2	29	.75	1.00					27.40
Beth-l	8			2	7		59	.75						10.00
Prospect		1			3	1	45	.50						20.00
Bethlehem	4	1					55	1.00	2.80					25.00
Belmont	21	13		1	1	1	154	1.00						150.00
Golden	1				6		41	.75						75.00
Jacksons Camp	7	4		1	4		57	.90	1.60					25.00
Highland	2				3		49	1.65	6.27	4.75		4.75		55.00
Mt Pleasant								.50						
Old Providence	4	6					22	1.10						
Total.....	68	36	1	6	31	4	826	\$11.55	\$12.87	\$4.75	\$2.25	85	\$4.75	\$448.65
Grand Total .....	164	51	2	16	46	12	1782	\$26.77	\$18.82	\$5.85	\$2.25	85	\$5.00	\$887.91

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 J. F. Underwood, Inka, Miss.

## Constitution.

Article 1. This Association shall consist of delegates in good standing chosen by the churches where they belong, and shall be known as the Tombigbee Missionary Baptist Association.

Article 2. The delegates are to produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excluded, and died, during the Associational year; who is their pastor, and such other matters as may be deemed necessary by this body.

Article 3. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected, unless circumstances render it necessary for them to resign.

Article 4. Any church desiring to unite with this Association, must apply by letter, and delegates, and if found of like faith and order with us, the Moderator will extend the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association.

Article 5. Corresponding delegates and visiting brethren may speak on any subject under consideration, but may not offer any motion, resolution nor vote.

Article 6. Motions which are negatived may not be recorded in the minutes unless ordered by the body.

Article 7. Only one may speak at the same time, who must rise and address the Moderator. He must confine his remarks to the subject under consideration, cast no reflection, nor may he be interrupted while he is speaking.

Article 8. No Persons may speak more than three time on the same subject without permission of the Association.

Article 9. The Moderator has the privilege of speaking on any subject under consideration, and also to call the attention of the Association to any questions which he may think necessary to promote the cause for Christ: provided the seat be filled.

Article 10. The Moderator may decide questions of order, and in case of dissatisfaction, an appeal may be made to the body without debate.

Article 11. All motion must be considered carried, or lost, by a majority. The Moderator may vote only when there is an equal division.

Article 12. All committees may be nominated by the Moderator, subjects to the Association.

Article 13. No private talk is permitted that will interrupt the Association.

Article 14. No delegate may finally depart, (who is the member of this Association,) previous to adjournment, without permission of the body.

Article 15. The names of the delegates are to be enrolled by the Clerk, and read when called for by vote.

Article 16. The Clerk is required to keep a file of the minutes of each successive session of this Association, and transmit them to his successor in office.

Article 17. The minutes are to be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk previous to final adjournment.

Article 18. This Association is to be opened by reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures and prayer, and closed by prayer and benediction.

Article 19. The above rules are subject to alteration or amendment at any regular session of this Association.

The present Clerk has no knowledge of any amendments to the above articles.

## What we Believe.

1. We believe that there is one living and true God, Creator of all things, both in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, and from everlasting to everlasting, unchangable, the same yesterday today and forever, incomprehensive in His essence, and infinite in his perfections; and in the substance of the God—head there are three that bear record in Heaven—the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

2. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the everlasting Son of the Father, that He had glory with the Father before the world was; and He and the Father are one, not in person and office, but in nature and purpose.

3. We believe that the Holy Ghost proceedeth from the Father, and is a personal substance or being, and with whom the unity of the Father and Son constitute one God.

4. We believe that man was created upright, but through transgression fell into condemnation, and thus imparted a sinful and corruptible nature to all his posterity. "By one man, sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned," (Rom 5: 12.) and all became enemies to God.

5. We believe that there is one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, and through his death, by faith we become reconciled to God, and through His blood, by faith are we justified.

6. We believe that if mankind were left to themselves none would repent and believe on the Lord Jesus. Hence, all who come to Christ are called by the effectual calling of the Holy Spirit through the preaching of the Word, made to believe the truth by the power of the same Spirit, and to repent through the knowledge of the great love and goodness of God.

7. We believe that the resurrection of the body is necessary in order to complete the salvation of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked, therefore these events will certainly occur according to the word of God.

8. We believe that Christ lived for our example, died for our offences, was buried to teach us the power and purpose of God, and was raised again for our justification; and he will come again to judge the world in righteousness, and give every man his reward according to his work.

9. We believe that a Gospel Church can only be composed of such persons as have heard the word, believed it, and in obedient to the commandment, and in accordance with the example of our blessed Lord, and agreeable to the practice of the Holy Apostles, have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost, and have covenanted to live according to, "all things whatsoever Christ has commanded.

10. We believe that a Gospel Church has two ordinance, to wit: Baptism and the Supper, and no one has any right to the table of the Lord but such as have been immered in watter, in the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost, and by one having scriptural authority,



and no one is a fit subject for immersion but such as can and do make a satisfactory profession of faith.

11. We believe the first day in the week to be peculiarly the Lord's day and it is the duty of every professed follower of Jesus to observe it after a sacred and solemn manner, by meeting together to hear the word, making of supplications, singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, of engaging in holy conversation.

12. We believe that in us there is no strength, wisdom or righteousness of ourselves. Hence, the necessity for Christ to become all in all to us: "for," he says, "without me ye can do nothing."

13. We believe that the Scriptures are (were) given by inspiration of God, and are profitable, therefore, for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: and they contain, also, every thing necessary for faith and practice.

14. We believe that it is the duty of every church to withdraw fellowship from any member whose faith and practice are contrary to the word of God.

These Articles of Faith were copied from the first Minute of the Association and the present Clerk has no knowledge of any change.



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